

purchase of a portion of Camp Stigwandish. The addition of this land into the public domain would allow for greater public access to open space. Land preservation enhances local communities and improves the quality of life for their residents. Approximately, \$500,000 is for land acquisition.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chardon

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Water Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$136,000 to widen and realign Park Avenue at the busy intersection of Wilson Mills Road, and also provide better sight lines for motorists so traffic can move more efficiently and safely. The project has been endorsed by the City of Chardon through its 1990 Thoroughfare Plan and its 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Approximately, \$106,000 is for engineering and \$30,000 is for surveying.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sagamore Hills Township

Address of Requesting Entity: 11551 Valley View Road, Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067 USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$343,000 to make necessary grade and drainage improvements along 4,300 feet of a 12-foot-wide walking and biking loop trail with handicap access to all 50 acres of Sagamore Hills Park, which links to Summit Metro Parks Trail. Sagamore Hills Park is the only public park within the township, and the loop trail includes fitness programming implemented through local schools, business and the YMCA. Approximately, \$318,000 is for construction, paving and other affiliated costs; \$25,000 is for design and engineering.

HONORING FATHER GREGORY BOYLE, S.J. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring spiritual and civic leader not only in the Boyle Heights community in the heart of my congressional district, but in Los Angeles as a whole.

This year, Father Gregory Boyle, S.J.—best known as Father Greg by all who meet him—is celebrating his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the Society of Jesus. He is also celebrating the beginning of his third decade leading Homeboy Industries, the gang-intervention nonprofit organization that he founded to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth. It is my pleasure to share with you some highlights from his ongoing work.

Father Greg was born in Los Angeles, one of eight children. His father, a third-generation

Irish-American, worked in the family-owned dairy in Los Angeles County. Father Greg and his siblings worked side by side with their father in the dairy. He graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles in 1972 and would later return to his alma mater to teach and serve as a faculty advisor for the student service program called Christian Action Movement (CAM). He also worked with Christian Base Communities in Cochabamba, Bolivia, before becoming an ordained Jesuit priest in 1984.

In 1986, his work in the Boyle Heights community that I am proud to represent began to unfold when Father Greg was appointed Pastor of Dolores Mission where he served for six years.

Homeboy Industries traces its roots to “Jobs For A Future” (JFF), a program created in 1988 by Father Greg at Dolores Mission parish. Father Greg and the community developed positive alternatives for gang-involved youth, establishing an elementary school and a day care program, while working to find legitimate employment for young people. JFF’s success confirmed that given an opportunity, many gang members are eager to leave the dangerous and destructive life on the “streets.”

In 1992, Father Greg launched Homeboy’s first business enterprise called the Homeboy Bakery. After 17 years, the bakery continues to provide training, work experience, and above all, the opportunity for rival gang members to work side by side. The success of the Homeboy Bakery created the groundwork for additional businesses, thus prompting JFF to become an independent non-profit organization, Homeboy Industries, in 2001.

Today Homeboy Industries’ nonprofit economic development enterprises include Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy Maintenance, Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise, and HomegirlCaFO. Homeboy Industries, now located in Downtown Los Angeles in my district, serves thousands of young people each year, and has become a model for other organizations across the country.

It is currently enlarging its pilot Solar Panel Installation Training Program, where young men and women are trained and certified in this rapidly growing field. Father Greg remains a visionary, tapping into the green jobs and green economy movement and proving once again that we should invest in jobs, not jails.

As Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, Father Greg has become a nationally recognized expert on gangs and intervention approaches. Father Greg and several “homies” were featured speakers at the White House Conference on Youth in 2005, and he was a member of the California delegation to President Clinton’s 1998 Summit on Children in Philadelphia. Father Boyle is a member of the National Youth Gang Center Advisory Board and was a member of the State Commission on Juvenile Justice, Crime and Delinquency Prevention. Father Greg has received the California Peace Prize, the Lifetime Achievement Award from MALDEF, the “Humanitarian of the Year” Award from Bon Appétit magazine, the Caring Institute’s Award, the Civic Medal of Honor from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the James Irvine Leadership Award. The Los Angeles Headquarters Association honored Father Greg this year as one of the city’s leading

visionaries responsible for changing the face of Los Angeles.

The reach of Father Greg’s work also extends to our nation’s capital. As recently as March, I had the privilege of meeting with Father Greg in my Washington, D.C. office on a trip he made to lobby members of Congress about the need to support federal efforts to help at-risk youth and former gang members lead crime-free and productive lives.

Madam Speaker, Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the late Father General of the Jesuits, stated that the paramount objective of Jesuit education was to create “men for others.” To all who know him, Father Greg embodies this objective as he truly has conducted his ministry and lived his life as a “man for others.” I am honored and blessed to be among the many in our community who consider him a friend.

As we celebrate Father Greg Boyle’s 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in the Society of Jesus and his 21st Anniversary of leading Homeboy Industries, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Father Greg—or G-Dog, as he is affectionately known to his homeboys and homegirls—on these milestones. Above all, we thank him for continuing to call us all to—as he says—stand with those whose dignity has been denied, to embrace the poor and powerless and voiceless, to stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop, and to create a community of kinship.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Warren County Planning Commission, Warren County Courthouse, 204 Fourth Avenue, Warren, PA 16365, in the amount of \$350,000. Funding will be used to assist the construction of a building to provide health care services to residents in Warren County.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DOMINIC “MICKEY” SGRO

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Dominic “Mickey” Sgro of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sgro will be honored as the 2009 Labor Award recipient at the Blair/Bedford County Central Labor Council’s 29th Annual Person of the Year Event.

The spirit of labor runs deep for Mr. Sgro and his family. He is a second generation labor leader. His father was a former business agent for the IUE. Over the course of his career, Mr. Sgro has held a number of various